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not troubled in that way. At Contich one case of typhoid fever was developed following the consumption of oysters. A correspondent at Marcinelle asserts that his investigation as to the causes of the last 8 cases of typhoid at that place demonstrated conclusively that these cases were produced by eating oysters.

By way of summing up the testimony from different sections of the country the conclusion seems justifiable that eating oysters could have been productive of typhoid fever only in exceptional cases, and in such cases was more to be attributed to the unsanitary manner in which the oysters had been handled than to any germs contained in the oysters themselves.

A prominent Belgian authority on hygiene has stated that, after an investigation carried on in various localities with a view to establishing the existence of typhoid germs in the oyster, the facts observed did not warrant the conclusion that such germs were generally to be found in all oysters. Medical testimony, however, would seem to indicate that the disease is produced by the oyster, so that the only apparently reasonable solution of the matter seems to be that the oysters themselves can hardly be held accountable for the disease, but that it is more probably traceable to the water in which, in many instances, the oysters are rinsed. Conditions here in Liege would tend to favor this theory, as oysters are very generally eaten here with no resultant cases of typhoid fever. Well water is very rarely used.

#### CHINA.

##### *Report from Amoy—Epidemic plague.*

Vice-Consul Baker reports April 25:

Plague has become epidemic at Amoy and in the vicinity.

##### *Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Plague and small-pox—Examination of emigrants—Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports:

Week ended May 2. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on March 28. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on March 28. Quarantinable diseases: Plague, 39 cases, 39 deaths; smallpox, 15 cases, 10 deaths. Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 6.

Week ended May 9. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on March 28.

Quarantinable diseases: Plague, 49 cases, 38 deaths; smallpox, 15 cases, 12 deaths.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 7.

Examination of aliens from Hongkong to the Philippine Islands for the week ended April 11: Examined, 24; rejected, 19. Week ended April 18: Examined, 41; rejected, 19. Week ended April 25: Examined, 51; rejected, 33. Week ended May 2: Examined, 67; rejected, 32.